Statement

Names of the shipping lines who have been regular users of the port.

The following shipping lines/Agencies have been regular users of the port:

1. Campagnie Maritime Belge (CMB).
2. Gulf India Limited.
3. Centship.
4. Blasco.
5. Lloyds Tristine.
6. Conard Ellerman.
7. Great Eastern Shipping Agency.
8. Shipping Corporation of India.

Shipping Lines at S. No. (3) to (6) have started operation from 15.2.1991. At bulk terminal number of vessels which belong to various lines and are chartered by Shipping Agencies are handled.

Installation of Telephone Lines during Eighth Five Year Plan

894. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the total number of telephone lines installed during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what would be the telephone connections in urban and rural areas; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to ensure that at least every village having one post office has one telephone connection and every gram panchayat would be connected with telephones?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Draft 8th Plan proposals envisage commissioning of 52 lakh telephone connections to reach a status of about 98 lakh telephone connections.

(b) Telephone connections in urban and rural areas are expected to reach a level of 84.40 lakh and 13.60 lakh respectively by the end of 8th Plan.

(c) There is no proposal to provide telephone facility to all villages having post offices but draft proposals envisage extension of telephone facility to each Gram Panchayat by the end of the 8th Plan period.

Plan to connect every village, Post Office and Primary School to Telephone Connection

895. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to connect every village, post office and primary schools with telephone connections;

(b) whether it is a fact that the proportion of rural telephones is less compared to urban telephones; and

(c) what is the plan formulated by Government to have proportionate development in communication systems in rural and urban areas of the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) No, Sir. The draft 8th Plan proposals cover provision of telephone facility to each gram panchayat only.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The department has formulated draft 8th Plan proposals to provide telephone on demand in rural areas in addition to provision of telephone facility in each gram panchayat. This compares very favourably with the objectives for larger than 5000 lines exchanges which are located mostly in urban areas. For these the objective is to keep a waiting period of

one year for obtaining a new phone connection. This calls for net addition of local switching capacity of around 10.60 lakh lines in rural areas and 48.40 lakh lines in urban areas.

Electronic Exchanges for Telephones

896. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities and rural units covered by electronic exchanges for telephones;

(b) whether there is any proposal to hand over telephone communication to private corporations; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) Out of a total of 14322 telephone exchanges as on 31.3.1990, 778 exchanges are of electronic type covering various cities and rural areas.

(b) No, Sir. There is no proposal to hand over telephone communication to private corporations. However, the Government has appointed a High Level Committee to suggest most appropriate organisational structure for the Telecom Department, keeping in view the operational and developmental needs and financial implications thereof etc.

(c) Does not arise.

Critical Analysis of the Working of C-DOT

897. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the entire special group trained at AT&T in USA has left the centre for development of telematics (C-DOT) and that the organisation continues to be plagued with manpower drain;

(b) whether any critical analysis of the working of the organisation has been made by Government;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to improve the situation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JAI PARKASH): (a) C-DOT has about 400 Engineers in the organisation. Out of these, 5 Engineers were trained in USA and 4 of them have left C-DOT on expiry of their service bond. However, other engineers have been assigned these jobs.

(b) to (d) A critical analysis of the C-DOT has been made by an Expert Committee appointed by Government. Report of the Committee is under examination.

Possession of nuclear bombs by Pakistan

898. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometime in November last the U.S. Administration had informed the Government of India about the possession of seven nuclear bombs by Pakistan and its incorporation into their military strategy as a first strike weapon;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;